

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE | FALL 2017/WINTER 2018

# CONNECTION



## DR. JAY ALLEN

*Itawamba Community College  
welcomes its seventh president*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. JAY ALLEN

**A**lthough I have spent most of my lifetime in the educational system, the current college year is especially significant for me. As of February 1, 215 days ago, I became a part of the Itawamba Community College family. It was my first full day as your seventh president.

I am a native Mississippian, and my family and I are excited about the opportunity that has been afforded to us to return to the place we will always call home. My educational journey has included administrative positions at both Hinds Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. In January 2014, I became President and CEO of Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky.

I assure you that Itawamba Community College's reputation as one of the best, not only in the state but anywhere, is accurate, but the statistics don't include what a warm and friendly atmosphere that exists within the bricks and mortar.

My family, including my wife, Belinda, and our daughters, Emma Grace and Molianne, appreciate the warm community welcome we continue to receive as we embark upon this new chapter in our lives. I hope to take advantage of every opportunity to meet you all and to share this magical place that so many continue to call home many years after they have made their mark, both in the world of work and in their communities.

Thank you for making our first 215 days some of the best for the Allen family!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Allen".

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## *Above the Bar*

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| ABOVE THE BAR |



## ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# *Above the Bar*

In its almost 70-year history, Itawamba Community College has enrolled hundreds of thousands of students who were equipped with an opportunity to become successful in their careers, living their lives "above the bar."

There are doctors, lawyers, industry executives, teachers, pharmacists, university coaches...and even several professional athletes.

No matter their career pathways, since 1948, ICC has provided its students an opportunity to live a

life above the bar...to be better...accomplish more...and make a difference.

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BE BETTER. ACCOMPLISH MORE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



*The Allen family from left, Emma Grace, Dr. Jay Allen, Mollianne and Belinda.*



# ICC WELCOMES *Seventh President* DR. JAY ALLEN

The first two-hundred and fifteen days

February 1, 2018... Two hundred and fifteen days ago, on July 1, 2017, Dr. Jay Allen became the seventh president of Itawamba Community College after serving as president and chief executive officer of Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky since January 2014.

A native of Jackson, Dr. Allen served in several leadership positions at Hinds Community College and as a senior-level administrator for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Perkinston and the George County Center – for a combined total of 22 years. He earned the

Associate of Arts degree in May 1991 from Hinds; the Bachelor of Science degree in 1993 and the master's degree in 1995, both from Mississippi State University; and the doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi in 2009.

His experience includes both academic and career and technical education, student services, institutional development, information technology, business services, athletics, workforce and other non-credit areas.



## | Meeting Dr. Allen

When Dr. Jay Allen and his family moved into The Residence at the Fulton Campus, not many area residents had met them. Although they had been “introduced” through the media, members of the community had opportunities to “meet and greet” the first family shortly after they arrived.

Meets and Greets at all three college locations – Fulton, Tupelo and Belden – were the first order of business with faculty and staff and members

of the community lining up to welcome the Allens, who took time to visit with each of those who attended. In addition, the Itawamba County Development Council hosted an event for “local folks” to get acquainted.

On July 3, the community had another opportunity to see ICC’s seventh president, who served as grand marshal, and his family riding in a black Chevy convertible leading the patriotic parade.



## | President's Tailgate

ICC kicked off the 2017 home football season with style, food and fun!

The Community Relations department took tailgating to a new level, September 7, before the ICC/Hinds football game.

Sunny skies and a “just right” temperature provided the backdrop for the annual President’s Tailgate.

A vintage red truck marked the entrance to the

much-awaited event in the Indian Grove at the Fulton Campus where cheerleaders, the band, dignitaries, alumni, faculty, staff and students mingled and visited. There were games for “Little Indians”...and food and more food.

But first and foremost, there was a lot of excitement...not only for the college year to come but also for the dawning of a new era at Itawamba Community College.



## Welcome Receptions

Although ICC's faculty, staff and area residents met Dr. Jay Allen and his family at a series of welcome receptions, he wanted an opportunity to become better acquainted.

So, the Allens invited members of their ICC family to The Residence, where guests had an opportunity to mingle, visit with each other and spend some one-on-one time with the College's seventh president in a less formal setting.



## Listening Sessions

Since last July, Dr. Jay Allen has been on a mission to determine the best course for Itawamba Community College's future. He has spent time "learning our institution, figuring out what has made us great and what we want to be great at next."

During the sessions which he conducted for faculty, staff, students and members of the community, Allen outlined his hope for ICC while those who attended shared their ideas about the College's strengths and weaknesses through sticky notes, which were compiled and prioritized.

The president planned to evaluate information shared to provide effective leadership with the College's administrative team to move forward. "The simple nuts-and-bolts of it," he said, "is to get better every day."

Allen said that there is extraordinary value in what we and others think of the College. "To me that's very important, because I want to make sure that we're on the right path that we collectively want to be on, but also, that I understand what's made us great."

## Ignite Your Potential

In his message to ICC faculty and staff during the August 2017 convocation, President Jay Allen focused on "igniting potential."

"When I think of potential," he said, "I think of a matchstick. When a matchstick reaches its potential, it releases a flame that ignites everything around it," Allen explains in a video disseminated via ICC social media during the spring semester.

A new year brings new potential at Itawamba Community College, he said, where people are empowered to do great things. "Your potential is here. You can be better. Accomplish more. Make a difference."



## Community Tailgate



The dictionary defines tailgate as “a social gathering at which an informal meal is served from the back of a parked vehicle, typically in the parking lot of a sports stadium.”

That being said, ICC’s Community Relations department took tailgating to a new level on Sept. 28.

Tents replaced vehicles lining the sidewalk that winds around the Davis Event Center on a late sunny Thursday afternoon with just a hint of fall.

There were decorations and themes for the tents. Members of the ICC family, clubs and organizations, enjoyed the company of community participants who were in friendly competition for the “best of” prizes and bragging rights.

There were judges, who had to pick the best... food, atmosphere, spirit and overall tent.

There was Mexican food, barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, brownies, cookies and the like, staples of a successful tailgate.

There were winners...Fulton maintenance crew, Best Food; Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Best Atmosphere; The Courtyards, Most Spirit; and Science Club, Best Overall.

Most of all there was hospitality. “Come on in...help yourself.” That is community...mission accomplished.

# ICC HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS



The critical support that area first responders provide was the focus of a salute at Itawamba Community College, Sept. 14. They were honored with free admission to ICC's football game with the Northwest Rangers.

According to a proclamation signed by ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, First Responders Appreciation Day was designated to salute those who protect and serve their area communities in such areas as fires, medical emergencies and natural disasters.



## MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT



ICC honored current and former members of the military during a special appreciation event, Sept. 28, at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field. There were fireworks. A CAREFlight helicopter delivered the game ball. Itawamba County's only surviving Prisoner of War, Private First Class Wayne Miles of Fulton, was honorary captain. There were flags and special music.

It was memorable, but it was much more. It was pride etched on the faces of

those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. They stood tall during a halftime salute by ICC's All-American Band...The United States Army, The United States Coast Guard, The United States Marines, the United States Air Force and the United States Navy.

It was a night of celebration of the lives of those who participated on the field...and a night of remembrance of those who lost their lives to ensure America as "the land of the free and the home of the brave."



Itawamba Community College sponsored its inaugural Freshman Run, September 7, to kick off the Indians' football game with Hinds Community College at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field.

Members of ICC's freshman class led the Indians on the field for the first time ever in what is expected to become an annual tradition.

Parents and friends cheered on their students from the stands.

ICC's Community Relations department sponsored the event.



ITAWAMBA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## FRESHMAN RUN



## DEDICATION CELEBRATED *at Sophomore Night*

Itawamba Community College sophomores who played football or cheered for the Indians were recognized for their dedication and commitment to their sport before the game on October 5, 2017. Their families joined them on the field and received a rose from the athletes as a symbol of appreciation for their support. Coaches and fans also used this opportunity to applaud their efforts and congratulate those who were moving on to four-year institutions to continue their academic and athletic pursuits.

*Tickets on sale now!*

# ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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| ROLL TRIBE |





# ICC FOOTBALL *Finishes 10th* IN THE NATION

Co-Champions of the North Division

The ICC football team finished No. 10 in the final NJCAA football rankings of the year.

Coach Sean Cannon and the Indians (6-3, 5-1 MACJC North) won five straight games to close out the season and finished Co-Champions of the North Division, but missed the playoffs due to the league's tiebreaker system.

Seven players earned MACJC and NJCAA postseason honors. Sophomore quarterback Dan Ellington was named MACJC First Team All-State, MACJC Offensive MVP, NJCAA All-Region and NJCAA Second Team All-American. Sophomore wide receiver Terry Williams earned Street & Smith's Preseason Super Sophomore Team, First Team All-State, All-Region and First Team All-American honors. Both were selected as JCGGridiron.com All-Americans.

Ellington became the first ICC quarterback to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a single season after finishing the year with 3,211 yards and 27 touchdowns on 230 of 353 passing. After the regular season, he led the nation with 357.8 yards passing per game.

Williams became the first ICC wide receiver to eclipse 1,000 yards receiving and

became the Indians' all-time leading receiver with 1,095 yards and nine touchdowns on 79 catches. He finished his career at ICC with 2,005 yards on 145 catches.

Sophomore wide receiver Christian Saulsberry was named MACJC First Team All-State while sophomore offensive lineman Jalyn Galmore, defensive back Devan Hollins, linebacker Jarvis Hayes and freshman kicker Caleb Comer were Second Team All-State selections.

The Indians sent 14 sophomores to the next level during December's mid-term signing period, including: Williams, Hollins, defensive end Tyree Bryant and defensive back David Little signing with UT-Martin; Ellington signing with Georgia State; linebacker Dayton Fox moving on to Faulkner; Galmore to Texas San Antonio; Hayes signing with Troy; offensive lineman Preston Haynes inking with Southeast Missouri State; defensive back Quinshay Heard to West Georgia; tight end Chris Long signing with Texas Southern; defensive lineman Jacquez Neilson moving on to Henderson State; defensive lineman Travis Sailo committing to Troy; and Saulsberry taking his talents to West Alabama.



# TWO SOCCER *Play-off Berths* FOR ICC

Men's and Women's Teams Soar

The men's soccer team, which finished the season 9-7-1 overall, earned a share of the MACJC North Division title and advanced to the MACJC semifinals.

Logan Little, Luan Balestieri and Ryan Parker earned MACJC All-State honors, while Alexis Resendiz was named to the NJCAA All-Region team.

Little finished his sophomore season with seven goals as well as five assists, and he hit two game winners as a midfielder. Balestieri netted four goals and picked up a team-high nine assists as a midfielder during his freshman campaign. Parker helped anchor the Indian defense, and the freshman defender picked up one goal.

Resendiz came out swinging in his freshman season in red and blue as he scored a team-high 13 goals and picked up four assists while hitting four game winners and totaling 30 points.

Colby Bogle, Chase Huddleston and Luis Garcia joined Little on the MACJC North All-Star team.



The Lady Indians, who finished a historic season with the most wins and a 10-8 record, hosted a playoff game for the first time in the history of the program.

Allie Barnett, Deanna Christie and Cynthia Betancourt were named to the MACJC All-State team.

Barnett netted six goals and three assists while fellow forward Christie scored a team-high eight goals and had a team-high six assists. Betancourt finished the season with two goals and five assists as a midfielder.

Morgan Dennis earned NJCAA All-Region 23 honors, the first for the program since 2010. She netted three goals and three assists and finished her career in the red and blue with six goals and five assists.

Dennis, Karoline Jaggars and Malarie Scott represented the Lady Indians on the North Division All-Star team with Coach David Strother serving as assistant coach for the game.



# ICC

## ATHLETICS

### 2018 SPRING SCHEDULES

#### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

2/13	@Calhoun (AL)	12 pm
2/16	Snead State (AL)	1 pm
2/18	Rend Lake (IL)	1 pm
2/24	Lake Land (IL)	1 pm
2/27	Southwest (TN)	1 pm
3/3	@Snead State (AL)	12 pm
3/6	Calhoun (AL)	2 pm
3/13	@Southwest (TN)	1 pm
3/17	MS Gulf Coast*	2 pm
3/21	@Holmes*	2pm
3/24	Meridian*	2 pm
3/30	@Pearl River*	2 pm
4/4	Northeast*	4 pm
4/7	Jones County*	2 pm
4/10	@Northwest*	3 pm
4/14	Southwest (MS)*	1 pm
4/18	Coahoma*	3 pm
4/21	East Central*	2 pm
4/24	@MS Delta*	1 pm
4/28	@Co-Lin*	2 pm
5/2	@East MS*	4 pm
5/5	@Hinds*	2 pm

\*MACJC GAMES

#### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

2/1	Bevill State (AL)	2 pm
2/3	Jackson State (TN)	2 pm
2/7	Snead State (AL)	2 pm
2/10	@Jackson State (TN)	1 pm
2/13	@Bevill State (AL)	1 pm
2/16	Southwest (TN)^	12 pm
2/16	Marion Military (AL)	4 pm
2/23	@Snead State (AL)	TBA
2/28	Northeast*	2 pm
3/3	@Hinds*	2 pm
3/6	@Northwest*	1 pm
3/9	East Central*	2 pm
3/12	Des Moines Area (IA)	3 pm
3/18	@Pearl River*	1 pm
3/21	MS Delta*	2 pm
3/23	Co-Lin*	2 pm
3/26	@Holmes*	3 pm
3/29	Southwest (MS)*	1 pm
4/7	@Jones*	2 pm
4/10	East MS*	3 pm
4/13	@MS Gulf Coast*	2 pm
4/18	Coahoma*	2 pm
4/21	@Meridian*	2 pm

\*MACJC GAMES

#### TENNIS SCHEDULE

2/2	Meridian	11 am
2/10	Snead State (AL)	1 pm
2/13	@Meridian	TBA
2/17	@Holmes	12 pm
2/23	East Central	11 am
2/24	Jones	1 pm
3/3	@Hinds	TBA
3/9	@East Central	2 pm
3/23	@MS Gulf Coast	1 pm
3/24	@Jones	TBA
4/3	MS Gulf Coast	1 pm
4/6	@Co-Lin	TBA
4/7	@Hinds	TBA
4/14	Holmes	12 pm

#### GOLF SCHEDULE

3/5	@Meridian	Northwood CC
3/6	@Meridian	Northwood CC
3/24	ICC Invitational	Ackia GC
3/25	ICC Invitational	Ackia GC
4/12	MACJC Tourney	Dancing Rabbit
4/13	MACJC Tourney	Dancing Rabbit
4/28	NJCAA Region 23	Lion Hills
4/29	NJCAA Region 23	Lion Hills

#RollTribe

# FROM THE *Alumni Association*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
DR. JAN REID-BUNCH

In September Itawamba Community College will celebrate its 70th anniversary of providing hope.

From its meager beginnings in 1948 as an extension of Itawamba Agricultural High School, Itawamba Community College has become one of the most innovative and progressive two-year colleges in the nation.

When the doors opened at the Fulton Campus in September 1948 on a shoestring budget laced with high hopes and expectations, 170 veterans joined a freshman class of 114 students from Itawamba, Lee and Monroe counties.

The College has survived and prospered due to the generosity of so many, especially those who have lobbied for funding and those who have provided scholarships so that future generations could live life "above the bar."

Last July, the College welcomed its seventh president, Dr. Jay Allen, whose vision for the future is built on the work which began in the middle of a cotton field almost seven decades ago. It is imperative that we support his vision.

However, our work is not finished. It is up to all of us to continue to ensure that the legacy of ICC continues. It is our responsibility to continue to stay connected to the College through membership in the Alumni Association as well as regular contributions to the Foundation to provide hope for today...and tomorrow.

It is an investment in the lives of students who benefit from Itawamba Community College's extensive educational opportunities. It is more than a gift...It is hope.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT  
MELBA APPLEWHITE

**H**appy New Year! 2017 is now a memory, and 2018 is an opportunity to make new memories and to continue or begin our connection with Itawamba Community College.

Although resolutions were made before the calendar pages turned, it's not too late to resolve to be an active member of the ICC Alumni Association. It's an opportunity to give back to the College, which has meant so much to all of us. Several levels of membership are available: per person, per couple, yearly or a lifetime. You'll stay in touch with ICC via alumni publications and special invitations to events at the College.

As an ICC alumnus and now an ICC parent, I continue to have an opportunity to experience first-hand how the College has evolved and progressed over the years, not only during the time I was a student, but also since its beginning almost 70 years ago. It continues to be a premier institution and a pacesetter in the region, state and nation.

It is an honor to serve as your Alumni Association president and to represent you! We always welcome your suggestions and ideas to make our organization the best it can be!

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## 1977 FOOTBALL TEAM

On November 11, 1977 at Ellisville, the Itawamba Junior College Indians pulled off one of the greatest upsets in Mississippi junior college football history by defeating the Jones County Junior College Bobcats, 13-12, to win the state championship.

Fast forward...40 years later...on October 28, 2017 on the field named for their head coach, Mike Eaton, members of the team displayed their newly-received championship rings.

As they reminisced the evening before with

an informal gathering at the David C. Cole Student Services Building, the players and their coaches shared memories and had an opportunity to relive their time at IJC.

During his tenure as head football coach, Eaton, who ranks among the NJCAA's All-Time Winningest Coaches, challenged his players each game "to get behind the wall" and put six points on the board. The members of the 1977 football team heeded that advice, which resulted in championship rings...40 years later.



**2017 ALUMNUS  
OF THE YEAR  
CO-RECIPIENTS**

**John & Beth  
Cleveland**



*Dr. Jay Allen, left, congratulates Beth and John Cleveland on their selection as 2017 Alumnus of the Year co-recipients.*

Itawamba County natives John and Beth Cleveland are residents of Kingwood, Tex.

John attended IJC, where he was a member of the Indian basketball team. He earned the bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mississippi and additional leadership training at The Thunderbird School of Global Management. He currently holds the position of Central Region and National Gas Manager for ExxonMobil's United States lubricants business unit.

The former Beth Reed, who also attended IJC, earned the Bachelor of Arts in education degree from the University of Mississippi. She has held various positions in teaching in the public and private school systems as

well as volunteering in multiple nonprofits supporting underprivileged children at risk.

The Clevelands are involved in numerous civic activities. They led a fundraising effort generating more than \$2.5 million for Westfield High School athletics as well as among other benevolences, holding membership in the prestigious Woods Order at the University of Mississippi and the Harding University President's Circle. They have established two scholarships and stipends at ICC for math and science students and instructors. They attend Kingwood Church of Christ.

The Clevelands have three daughters, Megan, Courtney and Kellie Reed.



## TWO INDUCTED INTO *Athletic Hall of Fame*



CLASS OF 2001  
TENNIS  
ELAINE FAGAN BATTIGAN

**A** native of Dublin, Ireland, Elaine Fagan attended ICC on a tennis scholarship from 2000-01, as a member of the team coached by the late Linda Partlow, who guided the Lady Indians to back-to-back both state and Region 23 championships.

Chosen as All-American NJCAA Rookie of the Year in 2000, Fagan ended the year ranked fifth in the nation in singles and 12th as a team. In 2001, she and Kristi Andrews finished ranked third in the nation at #1 doubles, and Fagan ranked third in the nation in singles.

She earned the associate's degree from ICC in 2001 and transferred to Mississippi State University where she was on the Scholar Athlete Honor Roll in 2002-03 and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education.

Following graduation, Fagan accepted a post as a physical education teacher in Florida, and in 2006, she returned to Ireland to pursue a career as a flight planner in Ireland's national airline, "Aer Lingus," where she remained for several years during which time she also completed a Montessori Teaching Diploma.

She is now married to Paul Battigan, and she has two small children, Nathan and Caitlin. She works both for the Irish franchise of American-owned company, Stretch-n-Grow, and assists where time permits to coach at a Tennis Academy, owned by her parents, Ray and Marian Fagan.



CLASS OF 1995  
FOOTBALL  
DUCE STALEY

**A** 1995 graduate of ICC, Duce Staley was a NJCAA All-American.

**A** Since 2013, he has been the running backs coach for the Philadelphia Eagles, which represented the National Football Conference in Super Bowl LII. Prior to coaching, he served as the Eagles' special teams quality control coach, assisting with both special teams as well as the team's rushing corps. He was a third-round draft choice for the Eagles in 1997 from the University of South Carolina, where he was elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

A multi-talented running back for the Eagles from 1997-2003 and for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 2004-06, Staley gained 5,785 yards during his career, including 4,807 with the Eagles, fifth most in team history. He was voted by his teammates as the Eagles offensive MVP three times and earned a Super Bowl championship with the Steelers in 2005.

He has two children, Shakia and Damani.

# 2017 HOMECOMING



Homecoming 2017 – Celebrate the Past...Embrace the Future.

Despite rainy weather on October 28, which forced the relocation of activities from the lawn to inside the Davis Event Center, Itawamba Community College alumni, friends and family, celebrated and embraced both the past and the future with a packed schedule of activities, including...

- Alumnus of the Year/Athletic Hall of Fame Award Ceremony honoring John and Beth Cleveland and Elaine Fagan Battigan and Duce Staley
- Red, Hot and Blue Luncheon
- 1977 Football Championship Reunion and Ring Presentation
- Homecoming Court Introduction
- Pep Rally
- All-American Band Pregame Show
- ICC-Holmes Football Game and
- Field Presentation of the Honorees and the 2017 Homecoming Court

Members of the Homecoming Court and their escorts included Hannah Covington of Saltillo, Fulton Freshman Maid; Hayden Palmer of Saltillo; Tatyana Austin of Starkville, Fulton Freshman Maid; Richard Gore of Columbus; Cateria Lashae Tallie of Shannon, Tupelo Freshman Maid; Paine Latham of Shannon; Logan Scott Lyle of Tupelo, Tupelo Freshman Maid; Sam Harrington of Mooreville; Kirsten Amberlee Hester of Pontotoc, Tupelo Sophomore Maid; Hunter Cox of Pontotoc; Shadonna Quinshea Woods of Pontotoc, Fulton Sophomore Maid; Adrian Thompson of Louisville; Jazzmine Bogan of Nettleton, Fulton Sophomore Maid; Daviont'e Tyes of Tupelo; Artasia R. Lucas of Saltillo, Tupelo Sophomore Maid; Farris Bailey Bradley of Pontotoc, Queen; and Jace Akins of Poteau, Okla.

Homecoming week for the students on the Fulton Campus included intramural activities, BSU costume contest, bingo, a presentation from Mississippi Humanities Council 2017 Teacher Shawn Whittington and Chamber Singers/Choir Concert; and at the Tupelo Campus, Great Gatsby Day, Disco Party and Back to the Future. The Homecoming Court was introduced at special pep rallies/cookouts on both campuses.



*Queen Farris Bradley and her escort, Jace Atkins*



*Celebrate*  
THE PAST

*Embrace*  
THE FUTURE





## MEET YOUR ALUMNI BOARD

Seated, from left, Donna Thomas, Karen McFerrin, Melba Applewhite, Monica Aldridge, Dr. Amanda Summers; standing, Dan McCrimon, Stacey Curry Chapman, Bunky Goza, Bobby Mooneyham, Chuck Howell, Gary Walker, Bobby Griffin, Richard Davis, Noel McWhirter, Robert Goza, Bill Miles, John Lee Lyles, Joey Cox, Tammy Harrington and Jeff Cagle.



## 2017 WELCOMES *New Alumni Members*

Lenora Avery  
Scott Beddingfield  
Bertha Bowdry  
Tommy Boyd  
Stephen Bray  
Steve Bray  
Thomas Brooks  
David Carpenter  
William Carpenter  
Charles Catledge  
Kristen Catledge  
Betty Cayson  
Billy Chism

Victoria Christian  
Bobby Clay  
Leonard Crump  
Phoebe Darracott  
Kent Davis  
Darnell Dobson  
Eddie Dulaney  
Chad Gipson  
Bill Hampton  
Darrell Hardin  
Don Hawkins  
Angel Hill  
Mickey Hill

Abby Howell  
Delena Hukle  
Alonzo Jones  
Kelsey Kesler  
Gayle Kinsey  
Robert Lemmons  
James Lenderman  
John Long  
Kyla McCoy  
Eddie McDaniel  
Leroy McIntosh  
Debbie McKnight  
Alfonzo McMillian

John Morrow  
Max Munn  
Mike Nanney  
Sandra Nanney  
James Parchman  
Louis Parks  
James Parmer  
Trava Parmer  
Stephanie Phillips  
Paul Reynolds  
William Rogers  
Charles Rowland  
Regina Russell

Robert Spratt  
Terry Sullivan  
Doyle Tubb  
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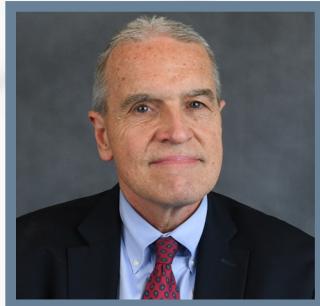
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# FROM THE *Foundation*



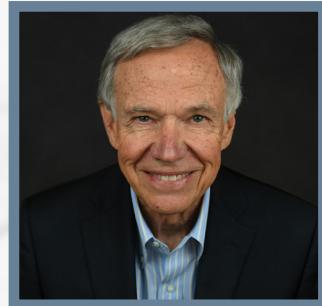
FOUNDATION  
DIRECTOR

JIM INGRAM

**F**all of 2017 was an exciting and busy time for the College and Foundation which awarded more than 65 scholarships to assist exceptional ICC students in their educational journey. On October 3, 2017, the Foundation hosted its second annual ICC Foundation Scholarship Donor Dinner at the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus with more than 150 individuals in attendance. It was a special night for the College as the Foundation honored our outstanding donors with a dinner, gift, music from ICC's CenterStage and a special presentation.

The monetary gifts that we receive from our ICC alumni, business partners and friends of the College enable us to continue to make ICC the best community college in the state. This year our Foundation also awarded monetary stipends to 17 outstanding ICC faculty and staff for their continuing education which will benefit the College. We appreciate your support of Itawamba Community College and the Foundation. Because of your continued generosity, the students of the future can benefit from scholarships, programs and services of the College. You truly make a difference.

We welcome your visits, comments, calls, suggestions and ideas as we continue to strive to make ICC's Foundation the best.



FOUNDATION BOARD  
PRESIDENT

ERNIE JOYNER

**I**t is with a great deal of pride that I serve as the President of the ICC Foundation Board of Directors. To be a part of an institution that continually ranks high among its peers, both in our state and nation is a privilege.

As a banker, I have been in contact with people in many different fields throughout our region. I am always struck by the large number who received part or all of their education at ICC, whether it be in healthcare, manufacturing or whatever. Particularly with the programs we now offer in advanced manufacturing, we are emulating the apprenticeship programs found in Germany where the percentage of people employed in manufacturing is twice that of the U.S. We have become a driver for the local economy and will continue to be in the foreseeable future.

To achieve its full potential, ICC must have the generous support of its service area, alumni and friends. The Foundation Board and staff have done an excellent job of investing its funds and disbursing its income in a most efficient manner, and I am convinced that a contribution to ICC will be used to maximum effect, providing a very affordable education for the citizens of Northeast Mississippi.

# SECOND ANNUAL FOUNDATION DONOR DINNER



Approximately 70 ICC Foundation scholarship recipients had an opportunity to meet their benefactors during an Oct. 3 dinner at the Fulton Campus.

Foundation scholarships are provided and funded for ICC students by individuals, businesses, industries and organizations.

Program participants included Jim Mounce, past president of the Foundation board; Jim Ingram, director of the Foundation; CenterStage; Ronnie Boozer, president of the Foundation; Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, executive director of Community Relations and Dr. Jay Allen, ICC President.



## MEET YOUR FOUNDATION BOARD



Front, from left, Teresa Hooker, Sandi South, Rayburn Parks, Dr. Jason Digby, Johnny Crane, Julie Randle, Jerry Reese; middle, Dr. Jay Allen, Jerry Robbins, Bobby Barnes, Chuck Howell, Jim Mounce, Paul "Buzzy" Mize; back, Buddy Montgomery, Jim Ingram, Don Baker, Ronnie Boozer, Ernie Joyner, Chuck Carson.

# 2017-2018 Foundation Scholarship RECIPIENTS



Jo and Travis Staub  
Endowed  
**SHAUNA ASHLEY**



Carolyn Franks  
Memorial  
**MORGAN BEASLEY**



Fulton Lion's Club;  
Matthew Turner Memorial  
**ABBIE GRACE BELL**



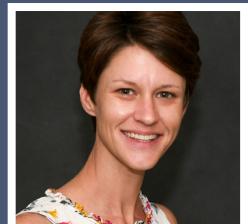
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**TRAMPIS BOYD**



Jimmie Uval/Hilda Crane  
Memorial  
**TYLER BOYETTE**



Edgar Irwin/Ruth Moore  
Endowed Forestry  
**JOHN BRAY**



Linda Kay Gilreath  
Scholarship  
**ELIZABETH BRELAND**



Mitch Wheeler  
Memorial  
**ALEXIA BROWN**



Adam N. Wages  
Memorial  
**GRACE BUCHANAN**



Mississippi Manufacturers  
Association Endowed  
**KRISTEN BUNCH**



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Pam Wheeler  
"Life of Service"  
**MATTHEW BURROWS**



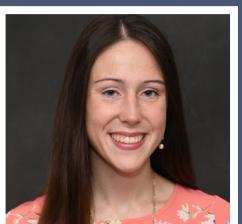
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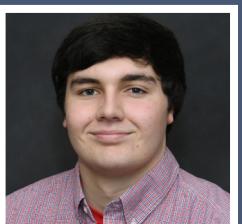
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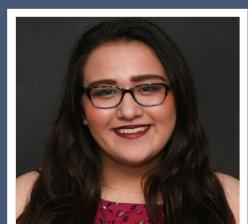
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**DONTE DOSS**



Pat Miles  
Memorial  
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Dexter Digby  
Scholarship  
**TYLER DULANEY**



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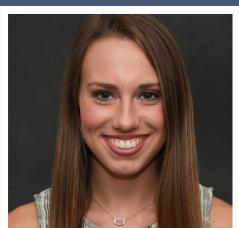
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Thomas Memorial  
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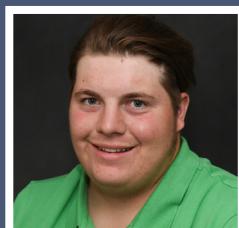
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LAUREN HICKS



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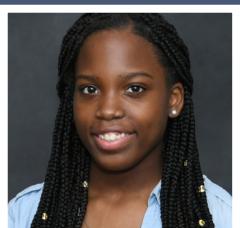
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Suzanne Summerford  
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Scholarship  
TYLER PATTERSON



Herrick Foundation  
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CRYSTAL PIERSON



Margaret Gurley Loden  
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RAY SANDRONI



Linda Kay Gilreath  
Scholarship  
EMILY STEVENS



Anson Aven  
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HALEY WILLIAMS



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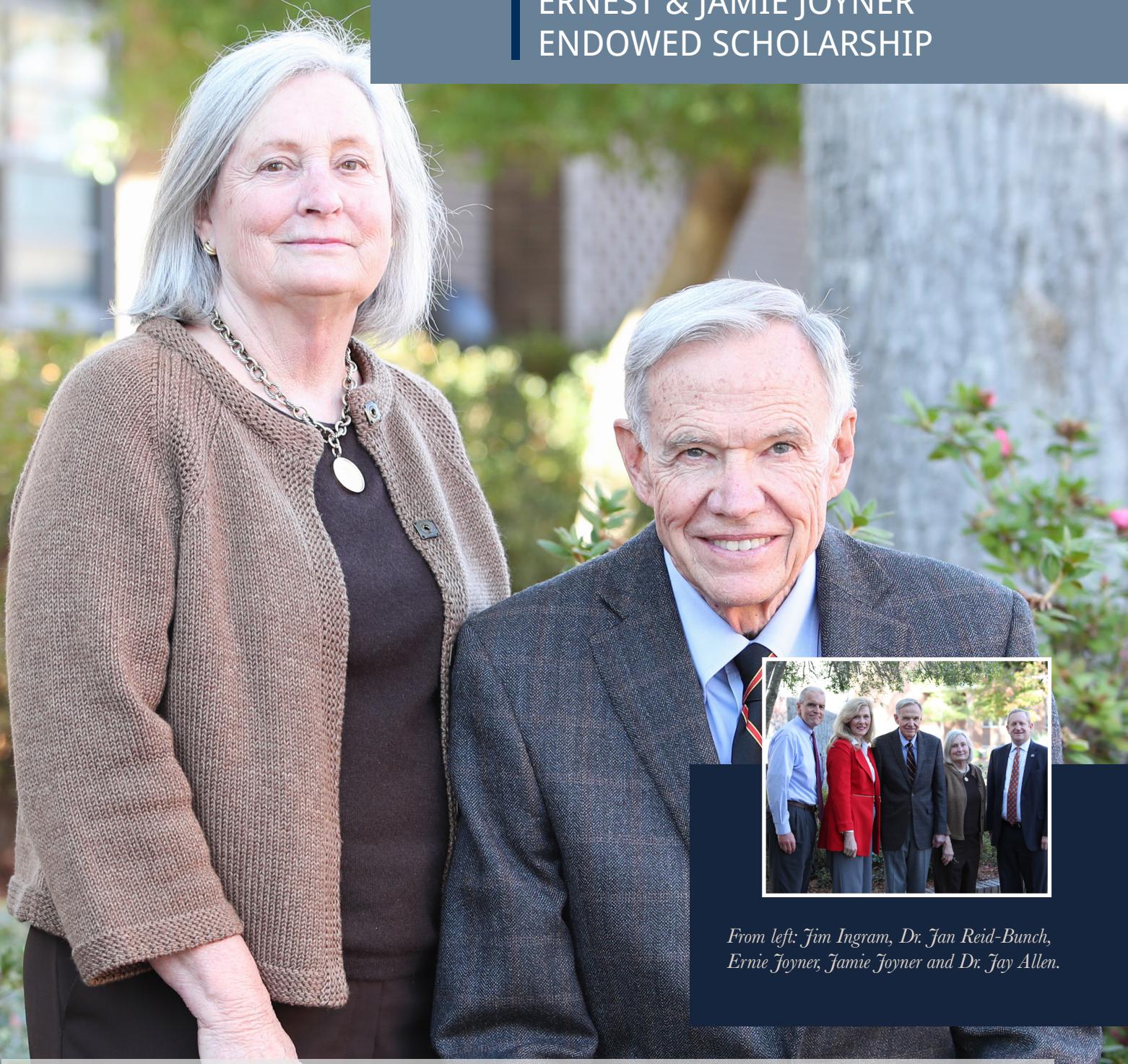


Jane Summerford Floyd  
Scholarship  
KATELEE WITT



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## ERNEST & JAMIE JOYNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



*From left: Jim Ingram, Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, Ernie Joyner, Jamie Joyner and Dr. Jay Allen.*

What started as a wayside remark has resulted in an opportunity for a second (or third) chance as well as a brighter future for adult learners at Itawamba Community College.

Ernie and Jamie Joyner of Tupelo had always had a passion for seeing adult learners succeed, but a comment by Lewis Whitfield of the CREATE Foundation has led to the endowment of a scholarship at ICC to ensure that success.

Whitfield shared with Ernie the story of an individual who needed a second chance, emphasizing that education is the key to better jobs, calling it a "neglected area."

"There are 60-odd (Foundation) scholarships at Itawamba Community College," Ernie Joyner said, "but not one for adult learners."

So, as they normally do, when they see a need, the Joyners endowed a scholarship because of their passion for education and

their desire to provide an opportunity for adult learners to attain their dreams.

The Ernest and Jamie Joyner Adult Learner Endowed Scholarship provides full tuition for adult learners who are beginning their college career. They must be Mississippi residents, enrolled either full- or part-time and maintain a 2.0 grade point average. The scholarship will be awarded next fall.

Jamie Joyner is an IJC alumnus, who has seen significant changes in ICC over the years, and their son, Ernest IV, was instrumental in the new footprint of the Fulton Campus. He is an architect, and among his projects was the Davis Event Center. Although Ernie is not an alumnus, he has served on ICC's Foundation board since 2007, currently as president.

In addition to Ernest IV, the Joyners have two other children, Bliss and Rowland, and three grandchildren.

Ingomar native Jamie's educational background also includes Ole Miss, and Ernie's, Vanderbilt (engineering), Ole Miss (business school) and Harvard (Business School Program for Management and Development).

Ernie began his career at Mantachie Manufacturing in 1962. The company was sold in 1970 to Phillips Van Heusen Company, where he continued to serve as plant manager until 1972 when he went to work for Bank of Mississippi, now BancorpSouth. He retired as senior vice president and continues to work for the bank as a consultant.

Both Ernie and Jamie have served as volunteers for the five presidential debates during the past five election years. "We saw all of the Trumps and the Clintons," she said.

The Joyners are also involved in community and regional activities. Jamie serves on the advisory board for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at Ole Miss as well as the advisory board of the Inkana Foundation, which is working toward building a cultural center at the Chickasaw village site along the Natchez Trace near Tupelo. Her major at Ole Miss was archaeology. "I grew up in the country," she said. "We were taught to have respect for the land. When I was little, we found buttons, rocks and other artifacts in our yard and fields." She chaired a Department of Archives and History study to find sites in Lee County in

order to prepare the county for the antiquities law.

Among the Joyners' extensive list of civic activities are the Tupelo Garden Club (Jamie); 30 years on the Tupelo Symphony board, involvement in the major thoroughfare project and Rotary Club – past president (Ernie) and founding members of the Gum Tree Museum of Art, for which Jamie served as chairman.

"We are interested in building the community through education, especially adults," Jamie said. "Say a 15-year-old teenager gets pregnant, the father leaves, and she is left with a baby and no means to support herself and her child. She deserves a second chance."

She related the story of a boy who had money saved, but family circumstances changed, and his earnings from his paper route and savings had to be used for such necessities as utilities. "That young man was very responsible and had so much leadership ability. He should not be held responsible for his environment."

"Thank goodness we live in an area, where people do step up to help," Jamie said.

And the Joyners have definitely stepped up to help. Adult learners, both today and in the future, will benefit from their generous educational gift, which will transform lives and futures.



## DD Nicolau Endowed Scholarship CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

**A**lthough she didn't attend Itawamba Junior College, DD Nicolau, who recently established a scholarship, had a connection with the College through a friendship with former faculty member and long-time tennis coach Linda Partlow.

In addition, she believes in education just as her parents, George and Dot Ruff, who several years ago endowed two Ruff Foundation scholarships at ICC.

The DD Nicolau for the Ruff Foundation Career-Technical Endowed Scholarship will provide full-tuition for two years to an ICC student, preferably in the automotive program, to earn a degree.

Nicolau, who grew up in Tupelo, earned a national fencing title in 2009 at the age of 60. She faced down 22 women in her age division and emerged as a gold medal winner. An article in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal in 2014 mentioned her adventurous spirit. She had a healthy work ethic and never shied away from jumping on a tractor to bush hog a field or picking up a shovel to clean out the stables. Not long after she won the fencing title, Nicolau and her horse, River, were practicing jumps, and an accident severed her spinal cord, changing her life forever.

Although she lives in Birmingham, Ala. with her son, Thanasis, she and her sister, Susan, oversee the Dorothy D. and George H. Ruff Foundation as well as look after the family's properties in Tupelo.

If Nicolau's life story were written, it would include adventure, action, energy, self-reliance and independence, but most of all, inspiration, a quality, which will translate to a better future for automotive students at ICC for years to come.



Gilmore Foundation Donation

## BUILDS PROMISE

**W**hen Itawamba Community College kicked off its capital campaign for the Health Science Education Center in 2011, the Gilmore Foundation made a significant pledge to reach the \$12.6 capital campaign goal, the largest in the College's history.

On Sept. 19, ICC President Dr. Jay Allen attended a luncheon in Amory, where the Gilmore Foundation presented a \$100,000 installment of that gift.

The Gilmore Foundation has been a significant contributor to ICC through the years. "Monroe County was the first county to benefit from a guaranteed tuition program to ICC," said Skip Miles, chair of the Gilmore Foundation's board of directors.

As part of his getting acquainted with North Mississippi tour, Allen expressed his appreciation to the Gilmore Foundation and Monroe County for its support.

## HEADWAE SCHOLAR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PEARSON SCHOLARSHIP



In early October, ICC sophomore Hunter Holley was selected as one of 10 students nationwide to receive the 2017 Pearson Scholarship for Higher Education, a \$5,000 award.

It is awarded to Phi Theta Kappa members who are civically engaged in their community through service and who demonstrate leadership, academic rigor and excellence. Nearly 700 applications were received.

Later that month, he and instructor Morgan Cutturini of Oxford were named as ICC's representatives for the 31st Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence, Feb. 20, in Jackson.

In December, Holley was chosen as ICC's first semifinalist for the prestigious Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which is the largest private scholarship in the nation for students transferring from two-year community colleges to four-year institutions that award bachelor's degrees.



*Morgan Cutturini is ICC's faculty representative for the 31st Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence, Feb. 20 in Jackson. A summa cum laude graduate of Mississippi State University, she has been at the College for more than 18 years. Her honors include Humanities Teacher of the Year; Lamplighter instructor and William Winter Scholar. She is married to Al Cutturini and has a son, Logan, 20.*

A graduate of Amory High School, Holley is majoring in biological sciences at ICC, where he is the president of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the Fulton Campus. He is also Mississippi/Louisiana PTK Regional Reporter and a member of the Indian Delegation and Science Club. Last year he served as the Monroe County representative for the Student Government Association. Among his honors are the president's list and recipient of numerous scholarships. Holley attends the First United Methodist Church in Amory. He volunteers at Legacy Hospice in Amory, and his community service has included Angel Tree, daycare volunteer and the HIA project. He is the son of Melesa Rakestraw and Billy Holley.

HEADWAE is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, supported by the corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning – Office of Academic and Student Affairs.



# ACCOMPLISHED FACULTY AND STAFF

## HUMANITIES INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

### *Shawn Whittington*

Art instructor Shawn Whittington of Tupelo was selected as ICC's recipient of the Mississippi Humanities Council 2017 Teacher of the Year Award.

In compliance with the award criteria, Whittington presented "Personal Reflection on Working with At-Risk Students," October 24, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

A native of Ft. Worth, Tex., Whittington grew up in Greenwood. As a teenager, he pursued his interests, not only in drawing and painting, but also in music and acting. At the age of 17, he secured the role of "Sarty Snopes" in the

PBS film, Barn Burner.

He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, The Art Institute of Houston, Tex. and Delta State University where he earned the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1992. While enrolled in the M.F.A. program at Ole Miss, he received the award of excellence in the 2007 Mississippi Collegiate Competition. Whittington joined the ICC faculty working part-time beginning in 2007 and full-time in 2008. He serves as the gallery director for ICC and editor of the ICC art and poetry journal, The Calliope. In 2014, Whittington married Haylee You from Beijing, China.

## Achievements



**KEITH MORRIS**

### WILLIAM WINTER SCHOLAR

ICC's Keith Morris of Tupelo will be among statewide 2018 William Winter Scholars to be honored at the 29th annual conference, Feb. 22-24, in Natchez. Previously a part-time instructor, he joined the full-time faculty in August 2008. He earned the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and the master's degree from Mississippi State University. His activities include fundraiser for St. Jude, poetry and songwriter, co-creator of ICC's world literature I and drama production I-IV, creator of ICC's writing for publication, sponsor for the writing portion of the annual Calliope poetry and art journal and co-host of the film class's annual Zombie Run. He is a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Shannon, have two children, Parker, 10, and Connor, 8.



### EMILY TUCKER TOP 40 UNDER 40

Emily Tucker serves as a recruiter for Itawamba Community College and sponsor for the Indian Delegation on the Fulton campus.



### DR. JAN REID-BUNCH

### INFLUENTIAL WOMEN 2017

Dr. Bunch is the executive director of community relations, which includes sports information, graphic design, photography, media, alumni and foundation.



### DR. JOE LOWDER TOP 40 UNDER 40

Dr. Joe Lowder serves on ICC's cabinet as the dean of economic and community services.



### JON ARMSTRONG PUBLISHES TEXTBOOK

Jon Armstrong is an English instructor who authored the "The Road Ahead," a textbook which was published in 2017.

## REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION FROM SACSCOC



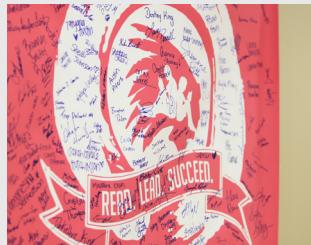
On October 12 at 4:27 p.m., ICC's faculty and staff received an email from Dr. Jay Allen. It began, "Congratulations to the entire ICC family on a very successful SACSCOC visit." It was the culmination of months of preparation for a review of the College as part of its 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

An on-site team conducted interviews at all locations of the College the week of October 9 to complete its report. Allen said that in the exit conference the on-site committee was

complimentary of the extreme detail, responsiveness and professionalism displayed by the entire College.

Under the leadership of Liz Edwards, director of institutional research and accountability and ICC's SACSCOC liaison, the process included the selection of a Quality Enhancement Plan or QEP, Read. Lead. Succeed., which was commended for its development process and community involvement.

Allen said that ICC continues to meet the ever-changing challenges of SACSCOC criteria by Being Better, Accomplishing More, Making a Difference and demonstrating that ICC is Above the Bar.



## STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES *Unveiled*



BAND HALL/SAFE SHELTER  
FULTON CAMPUS

**I**CC celebrated the formal opening for the band hall/safe shelter at the Fulton Campus, October 16.

The new home for the Itawamba Community College All-American Band, the multipurpose facility also serves as an alternate venue for fine arts productions and events.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided \$3.5 million in hazard mitigation funding to build the multipurpose hazardous weather safe room. The 13,585-square-foot facility has the capacity to protect 2,319 students, faculty and staff from wind speeds up to 250 miles per hour. The total cost of the project is \$5.77 million.



PRECISION MANUFACTURING LAB  
BELDEN CENTER

**I**tawamba Community College formally opened its Precision Manufacturing and Machining and Robotics laboratories with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Oct. 18.

"An Appalachian Regional Commission grant, administered by the Three Rivers Planning and Development District, provided funding for the lab consolidation, an investment which will enable ICC to continue to improve the workforce readiness of our students, ensuring a continuing supply of workers for area manufacturers," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "Without the ARC's funding through the key role played by Three Rivers Planning and Development District, this facility would not have been possible. It is a significant investment that will enable the region's manufacturing workforce to become skilled, ready and globally competitive."

Renovation of 21,000 square feet of space at the Belden Center enabled ICC to install the labs to consolidate the related training programs into one facility.

Following the ceremony, the standing-room-only audience had an opportunity to tour the new facility.





## ICC HOSTS *Legislative Luncheon*

**A**rea legislators had an opportunity to interact with administrators from both ICC and Northeast Mississippi Community College, Nov. 7, at a luncheon at the Belden Center.

Presidents Dr. Jay Allen, ICC, and Ricky Ford, Northeast, presented an overview of their respective colleges as part of a program that included highlights of the Mississippi Community College Board and the FY 2019 legislative recommendation presented by Dr. Clyde Muse, president of Hinds Community College.

The three priorities for the recommended funding include fair and equitable funding, workforce and economic development and capital improvements.

According to the information provided to the legislators, the core mission of Mississippi community colleges is in jeopardy. "The oldest community college system in the nation was founded on the principles that all Mississippians should have equal access to quality, affordable education."

Additional program participants were from ICC – William Shack, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Chase Hudson, Industrial Maintenance Technology/AMT intern; and from Northeast – Will Kollmeyer, director of marketing and community relations; and Dr. Patti Cooper, health sciences division head.



*From left: Representative Preston Sullivan, Senator J.P. Wilemon, Senator Nicky Browning, Representative Mac Huddleston, Dr. Jay Allen, Representative Donnie Bell, Representative Randy Boyd, Representative Shane Aguirre, Senator Hob Bryan and Senator Russell Jolly.*





## ICC and MUW Sign 2+2 Agreement

An articulation agreement signed on Sept. 20 between Mississippi University for Women and ICC will give students in the allied health profession upward mobility in their career.

The formal signing was for The W's new Bachelor of Applied Science in public health education program.

The first of its kind in Mississippi, the 2+2 degree will allow AAS graduates to obtain a bachelor's degree in public health education quicker than ever before. The program is ideal for students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science

degree in the health sciences from a Mississippi community college. These students will be allowed to transfer up to 43 career/technical credit hours from their AAS degrees to the bachelor of applied science in public health education at The W.

The agreement will provide an excellent avenue for allied health professionals, including respiratory therapists, physical therapy assistants, radiologic technologists, public health technologists and others to complete the baccalaureate program.



NEW EMPLOYEES  
FALL 2017

New members of Itawamba Community College's faculty and staff include front, from left, Cassandra Ilfie of Tupelo, President Dr. Jay Allen, Laura Heitger of Tupelo, Jason Spradlin of Mantachie; middle, Chad Cook of Ripley, Scott Jeffrey Smouse of Fulton, Bethany Bonner of Tupelo, Anna Sherrill of Tupelo, Ashley Armstrong of Fulton, Madonna Steele of Fulton, David Lay of Saltillo; back, Keith Hill of Baldwyn, Corey Melton of Mantachie, Rilla Jones of Corinth, Laurie McBride of Fulton, Jessica Bailey of Saltillo, Nina Strother of Fulton, James Chadwick Roberson of Tiplersville and Roy Hadley III of Nettleton.



NEW EMPLOYEES  
SPRING 2018

New members of Itawamba Community College's faculty and staff include Jimmy Whitehead of Booneville, Angeelas Shannon of Tupelo, Shundria Whitfield of Nettleton, Kami Clark of Amory, Megan Ragsdale of Fulton, Greg Yarbrough of Fulton, Chris Moses of Plantersville and Linzy Patterson of Amory.

## JUNIOR PREVIEW DAY RECRUITS NEW STUDENTS

Area high school juniors and their parents participated in a special event at the ICC Fulton Campus, Oct. 5.

Junior Preview Day, which began with registration at the Davis Event Center, was designed for 2017-18 juniors and their parents or guardians to receive valuable information to assist in the decision-making process of after high school choices. Highlights included a question-and-answer session, meetings with areas of interest, tour of the campus and residence halls, free dinner and the ICC vs. Northeast football game. Areas showcased were financial aid, scholarships, admissions, Honors program, academic programs, health professions, career and technical education programs and housing.



## ICC RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS *Aspen Award*

Highlighting higher education attainment, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named ICC as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize funds.

The prestigious Aspen Institute also selected ICC as a top community college in 2015 and 2017 and a contender for the prize, which is awarded every

two years. It is the nation's signature commendation of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. With a singular focus on student success, the Aspen Prize recognizes institutions with outstanding achievements in four areas: learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. The top 10 finalists will be named in May.



## CONSTITUTION DAY FULTON CAMPUS

**S**en. Chad McMahan (Dist. 6) of Guntown and Northern District Highway Commissioner Brandon Presley of Nettleton went head-to-head during a panel discussion as ICC celebrated Constitution Day, Sept. 18.

Sponsored by the Social Science Club and coordinated by Chris Stevenson, division chair, the event "reflected on the founders of our country, who not always agreed on everything."

Stevenson described the two panelists as "hard-working local servants...one Republican and one Democrat, who have in common love for the country and state."

Both McMahan and Presley responded to a series of questions and at the close of the event, they had an opportunity to share additional thoughts.

Barry Emison, dean of career and technical education, served as moderator for the event.



## CHICKASAW NATION FULTON CAMPUS

**T**he Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe performed at the Davis Event Center at the ICC Fulton Campus, Sept. 13.

The Troupe was formed in 1992 to educate, preserve and restore Chickasaw dance traditions. By keeping this tradition alive, it shares the ancient arts of shell shaking, stomp dancing and songs with people from around the world.

More than 500 students from Itawamba Attendance Center attended the event, and were given the opportunity to dance with the troupe.

The event was sponsored by the Itawamba County Bicentennial Committee.



## ECLIPSE VIEWING AT TWO ICC LOCATIONS

There was talk about it for weeks. The "it" was the total eclipse of the sun, one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights. The date was Aug. 21.

Taking advantage of this amazing event, the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the Fulton Campus and the Health Science instructors on the Tupelo Campus hosted eclipse-viewing parties.

At almost "high noon," students, faculty and staff at the Fulton Campus gathered at the Crane Pavilion, put on viewing glasses and watched "history in the making" while those at the Tupelo Campus had a similar experience in front of the Health Science Education Center.



## | IN THE COMMUNITY |



### CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING HOSTED AT ICC

**I**tawamba Community College hosted the inaugural annual meeting of the Fulton Chamber of Commerce, September 26, 2017, in the banquet rooms of the David C. Cole Student Services Building.

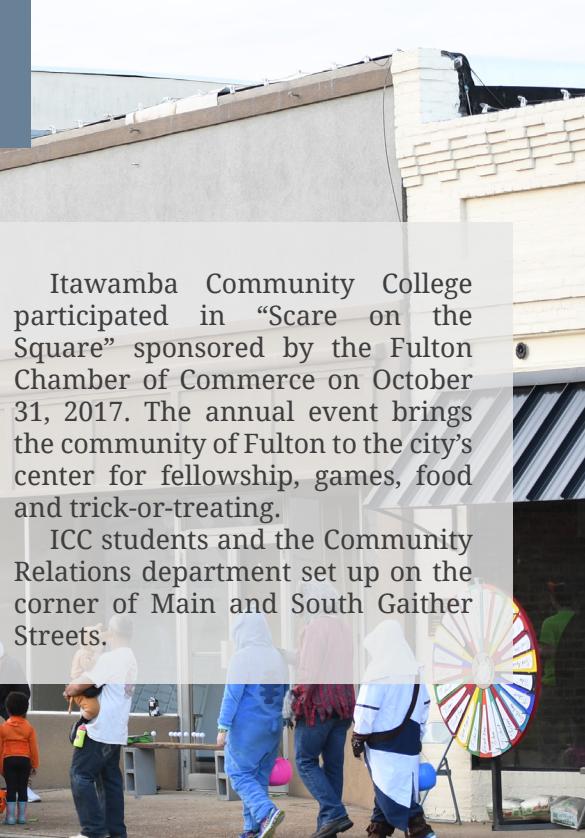


### PRESIDENT ALLEN SPEAKS CIVITAN CLUB

**P**resident Dr. Jay Allen shares his vision of the future of Itawamba Community College with members of the Tupelo Civitan Club, October 5, at the Summit. A question-and-answer session followed.



## SCARE ON THE SQUARE



Itawamba Community College participated in "Scare on the Square" sponsored by the Fulton Chamber of Commerce on October 31, 2017. The annual event brings the community of Fulton to the city's center for fellowship, games, food and trick-or-treating.

ICC students and the Community Relations department set up on the corner of Main and South Gaither Streets.



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS *in Area Parades*

It wouldn't be Christmas without parades, floats and the Itawamba Community College All-American Band.

ICC's band and float, featuring Chief Winnemaw and a host of the College's family and friends, participated in several area parades, including Fulton (Nov. 30). It began near the David C. Cole Student Services Building, which was decorated in holiday style.



ICC is among Mississippi's two- and four-year institutions collaborating in the Complete2Compete initiative, which is designed

to increase the number of adults with postsecondary degrees or credentials of value to positively impact the state's educational attainment rate and economy as well as the quality of life for those who complete their degrees. The program matches adults with a Complete2Compete coach at an institution who reviews prior credit and provides them with a pathway for obtaining a degree.

Complete2Compete is available to Mississippi adults who are at least 21 years old, have not earned a postsecondary degree and have been out of college for at least two years. Complete2Compete tuition assistance grants are available to qualifying adult learners. Additionally, ICC offers an Adult Learner Incentive scholarship, which provides half-tuition for one semester to new or returning students, age 23 or older, who have not been enrolled in college

for the previous two years.

Launched last fall, the Complete2Compete website, [www.msc2c.org](http://www.msc2c.org), provides information and resources to enable state residents to evaluate their previous coursework to determine a pathway to college completion.

"Natalie Maxcy and Jason Milam were the first two individuals to have earned associate degrees at ICC through this initiative," said Emily Tucker, ICC's Complete2Compete liaison.

Complete2Compete is sponsored by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board. Additional partners are the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the Mississippi Department of Economic Security.

For more information, call Tucker at (662) 862-8253 or email [go2icc@iccms.edu](mailto:go2icc@iccms.edu).

# Class Notes

## MARRIAGES

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXTENDS SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

**Katelynn Clair Brown** and Robert Scott Pannell, 5.6.17  
**Magan Keren Spann** and **Brady Austin Dabbs**, 5.6.17  
**Kelly Elizabeth Garvin** and Kevin Matthew Neal, 5.6.17  
**Kaitlyn Hannah Lawson** and **Wesley Blake Smith**, 5.13.17  
**Lindsey Merideth Moore** and Luke Seneca Jones, 5.20.17  
Emily Salmon and Andrew Wall, 5.20.17  
**Kori Mackenzie Riley** and Vincent Paul Franks, 5.20.17  
**Shayla Rea Peden** and **Daniel Stevens Sturdivant**, 5.27.17  
**Katelyn Elizabeth Keith** and **Randy Wayne Earnest II**, 5.27.17  
**Kaitlyn Savannah O'Barr** and Jacob Tyler Harmon, 5.27.17  
**Kortney Taylor Ray** and Brandon Lee Hughes, 6.3.17  
**Alisha Danielle Hurd** and **Jonathan Andrew Robinson**, 6.3.17  
Melanie Lane McCarter and **Tristam Ray Roper**, 6.10.17  
**Clarissa Tittle** and **Willie Milan McFarland**, 6.10.17  
**Kennedy Morgan Warren** and James Dillon Easly, 6.10.17  
**Haleigh Elizabeth Sanders** and **Cory Christian-Caleb Hannon**, 6.10.17  
**Brittni Franks** and Houston Orr, 6.24.17  
**Lindsey Suzanne Murphree** and **Joshua David Barnett**, 7.15.17  
**Mary Elizabeth Milam Jones** and **Benjamin Garrett Aldridge**, 7.22.17  
**Lindsay M. Bevels** and Robert C. McBride, 7.29.17  
**Martha Grace Garrison** and **William Joshua Stepp**, 8.5.17  
**Danielle Tunnell** and **Christian Thomas**, 8.12.17  
Keeley Austin Sams and **Logan Eugene Blinson**, 9.9.17  
**Rebecca Claire Rogers** and Jake Mitchell Flanagan, 9.17.17  
**Ashley Nicole McMillen** and Brian James Moss, 10.7.17  
**Bethany Claire Sumerford** and James Randall Bush, 10.14.17  
**Brandi Claire Meeks** and Stephen Dee Grose, 10.21.17  
Leslie N. Bigby and George A. Byars, 10.28.17  
**Rebekah Carrie Miller** and Justin Wallace Jensen, 11.5.17  
**Margaret Anne Smith** and John Mark Howell, 11.18.17  
**Hannah McCoy Armstrong** and **Jake Willis Scott**, 11.18.27  
Sara Taylor Jenkins and **Jacob Thomas Logan**, 12.9.17

## IN MEMORIAM

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXTENDS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS.

### Alumni

B.W. Ausbon, Fulton, 8.11.17  
Charles Berryhill, Bissell, 7.7.17  
Elder Hugh Marshall Boyd, Tupelo, 5.23.17  
Edwin "Eddy" Hardin Caffee, Pontotoc, 11.6.17  
Robert Devor Campbell Jr., Amory, 6.26.17  
Myra Ridings Caruth, Corinth, 8.22.17  
James Alton Chatham, Fulton, 6.18.17  
Sue Camp Collins, Shannon, 5.8.17  
Edsel Wayne Conwill, Carolina, 11.25.17  
Mavis Alline Simmons Conwill, Carolina, 11.26.17  
Daniel Kyle Cook, Tupelo, 10.30.17  
Danny Willard Copeland, Tupelo, 11.28.17  
Kayla Marie Darby, Saltillo, 11.30.17  
Hugh Daniel Davis, Center Hill, 10.15.17  
Brian David Edwards, Tupelo, 5.9.17  
John Hollis Edwards, Planterville, 7.4.17  
Mykel Shayne Erickson, Saltillo, 12.3.17

Sadie Evans, Fulton, 12.5.17  
Michael Glenn Flowers, Amory, 8.18.17  
Paul Stanley Foster, Tupelo, date unknown  
Timothy Greer Gardner, Tupelo, 9.12.17  
Mary Merlendia Rene "Linda" Gathings, Okolona, 8.25.17  
George Grimes, Fulton, 8.21.17  
Matthew Allan Clifton Harris, Nettleton, 8.25.17  
Jon Steven Hickman, Tupelo, 8.1.17  
Judy R. Carter Howell, Hatley, 5.21.17  
Kathleen Willis Hussey, Mooreville, 11.8.17  
George Bert Johnson, Planterville, 8.25.17  
Linda Ann Grissom King, Okolona, 6.14.17  
Corey Cornelius Lipsey, Pontotoc, 7.7.17  
James Willard Loflin, New Albany, 5.7.17  
Judy Kay Bridges Marshall, Amory, 7.9.17  
Sherron Elizabeth Rye Martin, Aberdeen, 7.11.17  
Larry Dale McTune, Evergreen, 5.15.17  
Lisa Gail Lovvorn Merritt, Amory, 7.4.17  
Rodney Mitchell Moore, Mooreville, 9.20.17  
Treyuate Deseon Morrow, Fulton, 10.16.17  
Michael Wayne Parker, Planterville, 6.13.17  
Charles David Payne, Planterville, 11.2.17  
Stanley Dean Pearce Sr., Corinth, 10.15.17  
Philip Anthony Phipps, Tupelo, 10.1.17  
A.J. Pitts Jr., Tupelo, 6.17.17  
Billy Wayne Pruett, Aberdeen, 5.10.17  
Wilson Reeder, Tupelo, 9.14.17  
David Lynn Reiland, Aberdeen, 11.4.17  
Sharon Denise Smith, Mooreville, 9.4.17  
Robbie Jean Wilder Walton, Somerville, Tenn., 9.24.17  
Mike Watson, Becker, 7.3.17  
Jim Tyler Williams, Amory, 5.1.17  
Kenith Ray Williams, Shannon, 11.12.17  
Mary Elizabeth Bright Williams, Baldwyn, 10.26.17  
Gaylon Wise, Bartahatchie, 6.18.17  
Bessie Faye Franks Wiygul, Tupelo, 11.25.17

### Former Faculty and Staff

Jerry Wayne Cogdell, Fulton, 7.3.17  
Ellis Richard Davis, Lambertville, Mich., 6.14.17  
Claude Jenkins Hardin Jr., Pontotoc, 6.4.17  
Dora Frances Luther, Mantachie, 12.4.17



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